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GENEVA CRITICS.

BRITAIN'S HONESTY OF
PURPOSE

CHAMBERLAIN SCORES!

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 23.
The debate on Geneva was
opened in the House of Commons
to-day.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Secre-
tary of State for Foreign Affairs,
had a stern expression on enter-
ing a crowded and expectant
House, which did not relax in re-
sponse to Ministerialist cheers.

Mr. D. Lloyd George and Mr.
J. Ramsay MacDonald, Liberal
and Labour Leaders respectively,
who opened the attack on Sir A.
Chamberlain's conduct at Geneva,
were the first members of the
Front Bench to arrive.

Attack Opened.

Mr. Lloyd George initiated the
debate by moving a resolution of
the Foreign Office vote in order "to
call attention to the proceedings
at Geneva and the action of the
British representative there."

Mr. Lloyd George regretted
that Sir Austen Chamberlain had
not seen fit to take the floor first
as he did after Locarno and ex-
plain how Locarno had been checked
at Geneva. He declared that the
Locarno Powers were responsible
for the Geneva failure. The
peace of the world hung on the
action which the House of
Commons took and directed the
Government to take in the future.

The events at Geneva undoubtedly
antagonised the United States to-
ward the League. Sweden, who
took the right and courageous
course at Geneva, represented
public opinion, also of Great Bri-
tain, yet the Swedish delegate,
Mr. Unden, was treated as a
naïve and irreconcilable pro-
German through his desire to
save the League than any one
man.

Prior Knowledge?

Mr. Lloyd George said that
they were entitled to ask whether
Sir Austen Chamberlain knew be-
forehand that France and Poland
intended to insist on the simulta-
neous entry of Poland into the
League with Germany?

In the course of references to
the United States, Mr. Lloyd
George's mention of Senator
Borah was received with some
laughter by the Ministerialists, at
which Mr. Lloyd George asked
what was the good of scoffing at
one of the ablest and most in-
fluential men in America?

Mr. Lloyd George, continuing,
said that, instead of using their
influence to secure the admission
of Germany alone, the Fowlers
who were signatories to the
Locarno Pact intrigued and even
threatened in order to get some-
body else in.

IMPULSIVE.

Chamberlain on Lloyd George.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who
followed Mr. Lloyd George,
categorically denied that when he
interviewed M. Briand on his re-
turn from Italy he entered into
any engagement regarding the
Polish claims or anything else;
neither had he instigated or en-
couraged the Briand Press in the
Polish claim.

Sir A. Chamberlain said that
Mr. Lloyd George professed to
come to the House as an open-
minded and distressed enquirer,
but he did not await even his
(Sir A. Chamberlain's) arrival at
Geneva before he telegraphed to
the American Press his condem-
nation of his (Sir Chamberlain's)
action and his suspicion of his
(Sir A. Chamberlain's) honour.

It was strange that a charge of
disloyalty to Germany should be
laid by a compatriot and not by
the Germans themselves! (Minis-
terialist cheers). As regards the
feeling in America Mr. Lloyd
George had done his share by
his articles insinuating what he
would not dare to say in the
House to-day! (Ministerialist
cheers). Why did Mr. Lloyd
George not quote Dr. Stresemann
(the German delegate at Geneva)
whom he (Sir A. Chamberlain)
would leave to judge between him-
self and Mr. Lloyd George
whether he himself had ever ac-
cused with a lack of candour or
loyalty toward the Germans?

(Continued in Page 7.)

NO PROFITS.

DISSATISFACTION AMONG
PARTNERS.

DRUGGIST BUSINESS.

Dissatisfaction among the
partners at the lack of informa-
tion as to the management and
profits was the reason given at the
Supreme Court this morning for
an application in respect of the
dissolution of the partnership.

The firm was the Chai Tong
Trading Co., of 182, Queen's Road,
trading in medicines and drugs.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., apply-
ing on behalf of the partners for
the dissolution, said that dis-
satisfaction had been expressed by
the partners for a long time past
as no profits had been shown and
no account rendered since Chinese
New Year, 1921. No payments
had been made to them and de-
fendant had avoided an explana-
tion when pressed. The first de-
fence filed was that the partner-
ship had been an illegal one but
this had since been withdrawn and
no other had been filed.

The managing partner was not
present and the application of the
others was granted by His Lord-
ship, an order being made for a
proper account of dealings to be
furnished and payment of amount
found due to plaintiffs.

Mr. J. H. Seth was appointed
receiver.

MAGISTRACY ITEMS.

BIRCH FOR SCHOOL BOY
THIEF.

GINGER TIN SEIZURES.

A Chinese student at the Ellis
Kadoorie School was ordered 12
strokes of the birch on a charge of
theft to which he pleaded guilty at
the Central Magistracy this
morning.

Sergeant McEwen said that the
accused entered the dressing room
of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and took
two raincoats and an umbrella.
The property, which was recovered,
was restored to the owners, one
of them being a small boy attending
the day school.

Opium Seizures.
The seizure of 190 tablets of opium
hidden in the false bottom of a
packing case, inside a safe and in
the kitchen of a house at Lai-chikok
Road was mentioned by Chief Re-
venue Officer Watt when he charged
three men with unlawful posses-
sion.

The case was remanded until
Monday, bail for the first two
accused being fixed at \$10,000 and
\$2,000 for the other man.

In another case a quantity of
opium in small tins was found in-
side three tins of preserved ginger.
The rattling of the tins on inspec-
tion by a searcher led to the dis-
covery. The man in whose posses-
sion the tins were found was fined
\$1,000 or six months' hard labour.

Assault Charge.

A Chinese lodger and his wife
received severe admonition from
the Magistrate this morning for
assaulting an aged couple from
whom they had rented a cubicle at
Wellington Street.

A dispute in regard to rent was
settled in Court yesterday, but
the assault followed as soon as
the parties returned to the house.
The case was adjourned for the
appearance of one of the injured
persons now in hospital.

SANITARY SUMMONS.

CASE AGAINST HONGKONG
HOTEL.

FIRE RECALLED.

Before Major C. Willson at the
Central Magistracy this morning,
the manager of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., was
summoned for failing to maintain
in an efficient and clean condi-
tion the lavatories on that part of
Pedder Street now under re-
construction.

Mr. R. A. Wadson, for the de-
fence, commented at length on the
unfairness of the prosecution by
drawing attention to the fact that
since the fire the lavatories had
been under the control of the
police pending the holding of an
inquiry. He thought that the
summons had been taken out by
someone who had very little
authority. The Magistrate imposed a fine
of \$5.

NEW TRAMS.

FIRST ONE ON TRIAL
TRIP.

GREATER COMFORT.

The first of the new type of
tram car mentioned by the Chair-
man at the annual meeting under-
went a trial trip this morning
and demonstrated the improve-
ments that have been introduced.
The seats in the first-class com-
partment are fitted with
spring-steel back supports and
are shaped to the back. This,
combined with the longer wheel-
base and swing axle device which
relieves the car from side-shocks,
makes for complete comfort in
riding.

It will be noticed that in the
new car the first class seats down-
stairs are dispensed with. The
problem of sufficient third class
accommodation which had become
increasingly acute has been con-
sidered in the new design and there
is increased capacity in this de-
partment as well as greater stand-
ing room.

The entrance to the first class
department is at the back and in
the design of the stairs leading to
the upper saloon, improvements
will be noticed, the staircase hav-
ing been widened and the angle
made less acute. The lighting is
also improved.

There is greater seating capaci-
ty in the upper saloon which
has been lengthened and the seats
at the ends are fitted with a view
to comfort of passengers.

As in both the lower and upper
saloons the clear height is only
about 5' 9", the centre of gravi-
ty is lower than on any other
double deck top-covered car in
existence. The car which was on
the run this morning, for in-
stance, was made to lean to an
angle of 22 degrees in the work-
shop and could have gone to a
greater angle.

With regard to the mechanical
side, the new cars are fitted with
two ventilated 85 h.p. motors and
the latest type of controller is
introduced which enables the
motorman to cut out a defective
motor without opening the front
cover.

On the trial trip, in the course
of which a photograph was taken
of the new car, the General
Manager (Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy)
was present, also the Assistant
General Manager, Mr. A. K.
Henderson, and Mr. V. Walker,
the Workshops Superintendent.

ROBBER ATTACKS.

A MAN AND WOMAN
WOUNDED.

A PLUCKY FIGHT.

A Chinese woman who was
climbing the staircase of No. 644,
Queen's Road West, last night, re-
ceived several stab wounds in an
affray with a Chinese who had
been lying in wait on the first
floor which was vacant.

The robber took jewellery
valued at \$120 and was leaving
when the woman caught hold of
him and shouted out. He stabbed
her in the face, neck and forearm
before making his escape. The
woman was later sent to the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital.

An occupant of a matched at
Teal Wan received a stab wound
in the neck when three men en-
tered the hut last night. The
men bound the occupant with wire
and told him they had come for
revenge.

A nephew of the man living in
a hut opposite heard the shouts
for assistance and set upon the
men with a stick. This had the
desired effect and the men bolted
in the direction of Tsai Wan Gap.

ORDERS AT SEA.

For disobeying the orders of Mr.
F. Gray (2nd engineer) of the s.s.
"Benary" at sea on March 20, a
Chinese fireman was sentenced, at
the Marine Court this morning, to
two weeks' hard labour. He will
also forfeit two days' pay. The
expenses of his maintenance in pri-
son will be deducted from wages
due to him. After his term he will
be paid off in the presence of the
Deputy Shipping Master.

Mr. Gray gave evidence this
morning and defendant made a
statement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carrie had
a son presented to them at Edin-
burgh on Monday last.

GOVT. CONTRACTS.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY'S
POSITION.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

Their position as regard the
huge losses on work for the Gov-
ernment was reviewed at to-day's
(fourth) ordinary yearly meeting
of the Hongkong Engineering and
Construction Co., Ltd., held at the
offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes
& Co.

Relief may be accorded, it was
stated, other business proved pro-
fitable and hopes were held out of
expanding on certain lines.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman
and managing director) presided.
He was supported by Mr. J. Scott
Harston and the Very Rev. Father
L. Robert (directors) and Mr. S.
Courtney Cook, A.S.A.A., (secr-
etary).

Shareholders present were
Messrs. J. P. Braga, A. W.
Smith, J. Coulthart, A. A. Alves
and Li Tung.

The secretary read the conven-
ing notice and the auditors'
report.

Addressing the meeting, Mr.
Shewan said:—
"Gentlemen—You will have
seen from the report and accounts
(which have been in your hands
for some days and which, with
your permission, I propose to take
as read), that the results of our
year's working have again been
very disappointing.

"This deplorable state of affairs
is entirely due to the disastrous
contracts made with the Hong-
kong Government, in 1923, under
circumstances which I explained
at our general meeting of last
year.

Estimated Loss.

"In our accounts for 1924 we
estimated the loss on Government
contracts up to December 31,
1924, at \$310,000 and I said at the
last meeting that it was extreme-
ly difficult to forecast what the
final outcome might be."

"During 1925 two of these con-
tracts have been completed, re-
sulting in the loss, shown in the
profit and loss account, of
\$32,162.93, and two more were
practically finished at the year
end, but on the fifth, which is the
Chatham Road extension, work
had to stop owing to labour trou-
bles. In consequence of the strike
with the resultant shortage of
labour, and the higher rates we
had to pay, I am sorry to say that
losses on these contracts have still
further increased beyond any-
thing we could have anticipated,
for in point of time alone all the
contracts should have been finish-
ed, with the exception of Chatham
Road extension, before the end of
1924."

"In the case of one contract,
Beacon Hill catchwater, the excep-
tionally heavy rainstorm in July
last caused a big landslide below
Statue Rock which carried away
a large section of the completed
portion of the catchwater. Under
the conditions of our contract we
were required to make good all
this damage, being paid for the
extra work at the original con-
tract rates, but as these were
already much too low, we suffered
a double loss, as well as loss of
time."

"By now the losses on these
Government contracts have risen
to more than \$550,000, which
amount has been provided for in
the accounts. In addition to this,
we estimate that there will cer-
tainly be a further loss of
\$100,000 on the Chatham Road
extension if the Government com-
pels us to complete the work at the
original contract rates, and this
latter sum must be regarded as
an item that may have to be
charged in the accounts for 1926.
It will therefore be seen that
our ultimate total losses on these
contracts are estimated at the
enormous sum of \$650,000 at the
very least."

"Sense of Justice."

"Our application to the Govern-
ment for some relief in respect of
these tremendous losses is still
under consideration, and I cannot
say more than that we trust to the
Government's sense of justice and
fairness to make us substantial
compensation for our losses. If,
however, such relief be not forth-
coming, we shall have to re-con-
sider our position as regards the
Chatham Road extension contract
and the further loss it will entail.
From our books, which are
open to the Government's inspec-
tion, it can easily be seen that the

FENG'S HEAD.

CHANG'S OFFER OF A MILLION
DOLLARS.

LI'S RUSSIAN CAVALRY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, March 23.

The "Shanghai Evening News"
states that General Chang Sung-
chang has offered a million dollars
for Marshal Feng Yuchiang's
head.

Position in Tientsin.

Tientsin, March 23.

About 500 of Li Ching-fan's
cavalry, of whom half are Rus-
sians, arrived this morning and
camped near the General Station.
The cavalry, artillery, and in-
fantry of the Allies have been
arriving all day. There are now
about 10,000 Shantung and
Chihli troops in the city, includ-
ing a number of Chang Tsung-
chang's troops.

The city is now very quiet and
there are no signs of disorder.
There are no trains between
Peking and Tientsin to-day as a
Kuomintang armoured train
blocks the line near Yangtsun.

SHIELD THE TEAM.

The following team has been
selected to represent Kowloon in
their Shield (semi-final) tie with
the Police, on Saturday at Sookum-
poo "A" ground, kick-off 4 p.m.:—
Avery, Wheeler, Read, Turner,
Caveille, McKelvie, Millard, Spary,
Sims, Duncan G., and Hayes. Re-
serves:—Limaker, Sibley, Taylor
and Pasco.

Government will obtain these
waterworks and roads at over half
a million dollars less than their
actual cost and we cannot believe
that a British Government would
take advantage of their contrac-
tors to such an extent as that.

"On the other hand we have, I
am pleased to say, made fair pro-
fits in other directions, \$112,038
in 1924 and \$162,500 in 1925, so
that on striking a balance at
December 31 last, our loss is re-
duced to some \$330,000. It is en-
tirely due to these profits that
sufficient working capital has re-
mained to keep the business going.

"Apart from these Government
contracts, our business has been
sound, for our profit from other
work last year is equivalent to
some 16 per cent. on our capital
which would have enabled us to
pay you a moderate dividend, but
all has been swallowed up by the
Government contracts.

Shanghai Prospects.

"In connection with our depart-
ment for foundations by the
Franki piling process (which pro-
cess continues to give complete
satisfaction everywhere), we have
done a fair turnover with satis-
factory profits. We are now
making arrangements to intro-
duce this system of foundation
piling to architects and engineers
in Shanghai, where, owing to the
difficult nature of the sub-soil, we
consider there should be a much
greater field for Franki piling
than in Hongkong.

"We are also about to place on
the market, reinforced and plain
concrete pipes of various sizes
made by centrifugal process.
These we can produce at lower
prices than the ordinary earth-
ware pipes, besides which they
are stronger and more satisfac-
tory in other respects and can be
put to a great many uses.

"I hope I have now made the
present situation clear to you, but,
if not, I shall be pleased to give
you any further information you
may desire."

"I now propose that the report
and accounts, as presented, be
adopted, and when this has been
seconded I shall be pleased to
answer to the best of my ability
any questions thereon, that share-
holders may wish to put."

The Very Rev. Fr. Robert
seconded. No question was put
and the motion was adopted
unanimously.

Other business comprised—
Re-election of Mr. J. Scott
Harston and Fr. Robert (retiring
directors)—proposed by Mr. J.
Coulthart, seconded by Mr. A. W.
Smith.

Election of Messrs. Lowe, Bing-
ham and Matthews as auditors
(at a fee of \$300) for the current
year—proposed by Mr. J. P.
Braga, seconded by Mr. Li Tung.

DISASTROUS FIRE

EIGHT HUNDRED HOUSES

Tokyo, March 1961
Early this morning a fire broke out at Sugamo, a suburb of Tokyo.

houses have been destroyed and that the fire is still spreading. Later the latest reports state the fire has now been got under control, after destroying about

Rescue work is being carried out by troops and others.

About 4,000 persons have been rendered homeless and there has

THIRTY-SIX INJURED.

The Emperor has donated \$2,000 towards relief of the sufferers.

but the casualties number 36
Reuter's Pacific Service,

Mrs. Elizabeth Kent, 102, oldest workhouse inmate, led New Year celebrations at Tawe Lo Workhouse, Swansea.

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Poultry. March 13, June, Ju

	1926.	1918.	1919.
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1b.	48	30	8
"	62	28	8

鴨	each	40	22
班鳩	each	80	22
雞蛋	per oz.	36	18
新鮮雞蛋	"	40	25

本地雞	15	56	88
海南雞	"	48	24
海雞	"	36	24

白海狗	each	78	30
口海狗	"	48	28
火雞	lb.	\$1.00	—
火雞	"	85	51
沙山	each	—	—
山	pair	—	—

Fruits.

金	山	葉	"	20	24
燕	山	香	"	7	4
楊		桃	"	—	12
椰		子	each	14	10
樽		級	lb.	15	7
金	山	樽	each	8	8

..... 熟枝干	32	25
..... 新會甜橙	22	—
..... 橙	36	—
..... 油	12	—

花紅大蓮	生柿	15	10
	蕉		12
	柚	5	8
暹羅	each	18	12

Vegetables - 8c

..... 鴉片	each	12	—
..... 紅	lb.	8	—
..... 壹	"	12	8
..... 苦	each	2	8
..... 清	"	10	—
..... 紅	"	6	5
..... 瓜	"	8	5
..... 瓜	"	8	5

芥菜	每担	6	5	1
菜薹	每担	15	12	—
萝卜	每担	—	—	—
花菜	each	22	—	—
大白菜	每担	18	—	—
细菜	每担	15	—	—
金菜	lb.	7	6	—
		12	10	—

干椒	25	25	
辣椒	20	10	1
辣椒	18	8	1
辣椒	12	10	1
瓜頭	each	6	2
瓜頭	lb.	8	8
瓜頭	10	7	

老 猪	4	10	-
chai. (猪)	each 80	8	-
栗 米	8	45	-
嫩 生 菜	lb. 2	1	-

.....	馬	馬	馬	馬	12	5
.....	桂	林	馬	馬	18	—
.....	鮮	草	拔	拔	—	—
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.....	球	寇	頭	頭	8	8
.....	生	寇	寇	寇	6	4

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NOTICES

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY
FOR THE PREVENTION OF
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held on MONDAY, 29th March, 1926, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., at 5.30 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year 1925 and to elect Officers, etc.

Will anyone willing to join the committee or take office please send their names to the undersigned.
B. L. FROST,
President & Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 22, 1926.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1925.



If you could see the Germs
in your throat—you would realise why your throat gets sore, and why you are liable to catch dangerous germ-diseases.

The above micro-photographs are of an experiment made by Dr. Piorkowski, the bacteriologist. Two glass plates, covered with a substance on which germs thrive, were exposed in a railway carriage. One (the lower plate) was treated with saliva from a person who had sucked four Formamint Tablets. All germs on the lower plate were destroyed, while they grew abundantly on the other. Thus, when you suck Formamint, all disease-germs in your mouth and throat are destroyed.

Protect yourself against infection with

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No. 2 For Blindness, Cataracts, etc., (see above).
Skin Diseases, No. 3 For Rheumatism & Gout.
Sedative and Laxative, No. 4 For Constipation.
Dr. L. C. King, M.D., 1000 Broadway, N.Y.C.
If in doubt, No. 1 required, as this Institute is written for

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the committee could not take
action, the matter would be placed
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Mr. G. H. Wilson, Mr. C.
Marcell Mr. J. W. E. MacKenzie

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ANTI-COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN CHINA.

REMORSELESS AGITATION.

On Friday, March 12, 1926,

what probably will prove to be an

epoch-making event in the history

of China took place at the

Olympic Theatre, Shanghai, when

the Constitutional Defence

League held its first open meet-

ing and made known to the gen-

eral public its basic aims and

ideals—aims and ideals the real-

isation of which is as vitally im-

portant to the ship's officer and

shipping interests generally as

to the ordinary man-in-the-street

in China. The Constitutional De-

fence League is an unofficial

organisation the membership of

which is unrestricted as to na-

tionality or sex, and the object

of which, briefly, is to fight and

to counteract the dangerous, in-

sidious, revolutionary and de-

structive forces of Communism

which have become so deeply en-

trenched in China to-day. The

League already embraces no less

than fourteen nationalities, and

can boast among its membership

persons from all walks of life,

who understand what Commu-

nism really is—a cruel and wicked

creed utterly opposed in every

way to the ethics of constitution-

alism; who realise that its pro-

gress in any form constitutes a

grave danger to the maintenance

of those four cardinal rights

which it took civilised humanity

centuries to attain—the right of

person; the right of property, re-

ligious freedom, and freedom of

speech; and who appreciate fully

the vital, the urgent necessity of

organised, widespread, and in-

tense anti-communistic activity if

the grave danger that now threat-

ens the very foundations of

law, order and progress through-

out the world is successfully to

be combated.

This danger is neither an im-

aginary nor an exaggerated one,

and besets every class of human-

ity and every aspect of human

activity. It has behind it a high-

ly and scientifically organised

body of men, who command a

vast amount of wealth, who are

as ruthless in their plottings and

machinations as remorseless in

their treatment of those who op-

pose them or would oppose them;

who have no code of honour and

none of justice and equity; and

who, in their efforts to bring

about what they call the

"dictatorship of the proletariat,"

would shatter and trample every

semblance of human progress,

every symbol of humanity's wel-

fare, and every bedrock of human

happiness and prosperity.

And in China (says "Shipping

and Engineering") the danger of

this is great, and the consequences

of the Communists obtaining con-

trol of this already sorely-tried

nation and country are so ap-

palling as to stagger the imagina-

tion. Communistic activity and

Communist plots in China are

on a tremendous scale. Agents

and satellites have been proved

beyond doubt to exist in all parts

of the country, working insidiously

but thoroughly to plant the

seeds of Communism which would

rise to transform China into a

condition of chaos and human suffer-

ing compared to which the

present state of the country is

calm, orderly and prosperous.

This statement is no argument of

the imagination, but is a hard,

solid fact, supported by evidence

which is irrefutable and by the

knowledge of what the Commun-

ists have already done in Russia,

which is equally not to be con-

troverted.

It is to counteract these dan-

gers, in whatever manner they

may be counteracted within the

bounds of legality, that the Con-

stitutional Defence League of

Shanghai has been formed, and it

is the bounden duty of every

foreigner in China to lend his

support to that League and to

assist, in whatever manner the

individual can best assist, in the

struggle against the growth of a

cancer which, unarrested in its

development, would bind human-

ity in a thralldom the like of

which history has never yet

known, but the nature of which

the events in Russia during the

last few years will convey a

sufficiently vivid indication.

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TEACHER'S WAGES IN SHANSI.

The Taihu correspondent of the

"N. C. Daily News" says:—

Shansi has made great progress

in the establishment of modern

village schools in the last few

years. There are, however, large

numbers of mountain hamlets for

which the expense of opening a

modern school and inviting the

teacher with training, conduct

is properly prohibitive. In

such hamlets, providing the num-

ber of families is large enough to

afford any sort of school what-

ever, one finds the old type of

school and schoolmaster, teach-

ing the "Four Books" as in the

golden days before "National

Readers" were invented.

I talked with such an old

fashioned pedagogue the other

day. His school is in an almost

inaccessible village some 10 miles

back from the plain. The village

has 25 families, mostly with the

surname Li. From these families

come 17 boys who study in the

old gentleman's school. There are

two terms annually of three

months each. For teaching a

term the master receives a

"salary" of 20 *tao*, worth at

present about \$6. This is paid from

the village treasury. The old

teacher exclaimed pathetically,

"It isn't enough to keep me!"

However, he went on to men-

tion certain prerequisites attached

to the office. On the first day of

the 12th moon each boy brings

the master four bowls of parched

beans. On the eighth of the

same month a gift from each

pupil is four bowls of millet and

jambones cooked together. On the

winter solstice, "tzuu chin," each

boy brings a gift of four glutin-

ous cakes. Salt, vinegar, tea and

tobacco are provided by the vil-

lage. Furthermore, upon the

opening of the spring term each

pupil in turn invites the master

to his home for a meal. In this

particular village about half the

people live in caves in the loess.

The theoretical scheme by

which the educational authorities

of Shansi provide education for

the children in the small moun-

tain hamlets is to group a num-

ber of such hamlets together as a

"village," with one school at the

centre of the group. Practically,

such a scheme is not workable,

and cannot be, because of the

physical difficulties. There are

no roads other than footpaths,

the distances are too great, and

wolves and leopards lie in wait in

these mountain ravines. The prob-

lem of providing education for

Shansi's sturdy mountain boys

and girls is one still awaiting

solution.

RICE SHORTAGE.

RAPIDLY RISING PRICES IN SHANGHAI.

ALARM AMONG THE POOR.

The rice situation apparently is

going from bad to worse, but

there are hopes that the action

promised by the authorities and

the merchants will mean a great

deal in relieving present condi-

tions.

Few stocks have been coming in

from the interior and none, the

"North China Daily News" is in-

formed, have come from the south.

Prices are extremely high and

will, it is thought, soon reach the

record level of 1920, which ex-

ceeded \$20 per picul for the best

grade of the grain.

Quotations for the best

grade stood between \$17.50

and \$18, per picul, and for poorer

qualities the rice merchants

quoted \$14 and \$15, Chapel mer-

chants were selling at higher

prices than those in the Interna-

tional Settlement, who are to a

certain extent controlled by the

Council.

In view of the serious situa-

tion, which is causing consider-

able alarm in Chinese circles, es-

pecially among the poor, who in

the end are the greatest sufferers,

Gen. Yen Chun-yang, Commis-

sioner of Shanghai and Woosung

Police and Martial Law Forces,

on March 18, called a meeting of

officials and merchants to discuss

the matter.

Among those present were Fu

Chiang, the Shanghai Taoyin;

Chang Shou-chi, Shanghai Dis-

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"DELTA"	8,597	15th April	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"DEWANA"	8,155	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,141	20th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MADEONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,006	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"HYBER"	8,116	17th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	11,082	29th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,113	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"RANPURA"	16,585	24th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,597	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MADEONIA"	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	8,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,006	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"SANTHA"	10,354	11th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,354	11th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th April	Mulla, Kolumbo, Sandakan
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	15th May	Thursday Island, Townsville, Bris-
"TANDA"	8,956	2nd June	bane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th July	do.

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"JAPAN"	6,062	26th Mar.	Yokohama, (direct) Kobe & Osaka
"TILAWA"	10,354	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MADEONIA"	11,089	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SANTHA"	10,354	31st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"PERIM"	7,443	10th April	Shanghai & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th April	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	8,006	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,354	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"HYBER"	8,116	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	11,082	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	8,113	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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"MALWA"	10,941	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,006	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MOREA"	12,819	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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SEAMEN'S ORDEAL.

ADRIFF FOR A MONTH.

ATE RATS AND THE SHIP'S
CAT.

Tokyo, February 27.—A fresh chapter to the age-old tale of the grim struggle between men and the sea became known when the "Protestant," a Blue Funnel liner, dropped anchor in Yokohama harbour yesterday. It transpired that the survivors of the Japanese vessel, "Daisantaishin Maru," which was not able to withstand the buffeting breakers of the Pacific, managed to keep body and soul together for several days by subsisting on rats and the ship's pet cat. The survivors were rescued by the American freighter "Japan Arrow" and the story was related to the "Japan Times" by Captain Lloyd of the "Protestant," who heard it from the skipper of the "Japan Arrow."

The "Daisantaishin Maru" became helpless soon after she left Yokohama for North America, both her rudder and the propeller getting out of order. The damage soon proved to be beyond such repairing as the ship's hands could do. The vessel drifted and drifted for nearly a month. The ship had a crew of 82 all told, and had no radio equipment.

In the meantime, the stock of provisions and of coal began to run low. As starvation was staring all in the face, some of the crew manned a lifeboat and scoured the neighbouring seas in the hope of sighting land or another vessel. This boat failed to return. Another was sent out—and the fate of that, too, never could be known.

Death by starvation now seemed inevitable to the survivors, who numbered fourteen. Suddenly, one suggested a rat hunt and the resulting rodent scup and stew kept the wan-faced, pinched men alive for some time. But even the stock of rodents gave out. Then the ship's cat, a mascot and a pet for many years, which had been robbed of its staple food, was pounced upon.

After all that the cat was able to yield had been absorbed, there was naught else for the fourteen to do, but to await death. Luckily, the very day following that on which they made a meal of the ship's tabby, the drifting "Daisantaishin Maru" was sighted by the "Japan Arrow" and the crew were rescued from, literally, the jaws of death.

The disabled ship was abandoned. She is said to have been heavily insured, but the fact that she carried no wireless equipment is now being made the subject of considerable comment.

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WHO'S WHO.

LATEST CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Mr. M. Deffy, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Fochow."

Mr. L. G. Potter, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kwangse."

Mr. G. P. Pope, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Fengtien."

Mr. R. Atkinson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Huichow."

Mr. F. E. B. Steer, second officer, "Suiyang," has gone second officer, "King Yuan."

Mr. J. Middleton, second officer, "King Yuan," is on reserve.

Mr. R. Maddison, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Wuchang."

Mr. H. M. Hall, chief engineer, "Wenchow," is on home leave.

Mr. S. Dumbreck, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Wenchow."

Mr. H. S. Beech, third engineer, "Wenchow," has gone third engineer, "Luchow."

Mr. F. E. Lane, from home leave, has gone supply chief officer, "Chakhsang."

Mr. L. J. Stevenson, second officer, "Chakhsang," is on reserve.

Mr. S. W. Minshall, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kwai-sang."

Mr. F. M. Ide, second officer, "Kwai-sang," is on reserve.

Mr. N. Churchill, supply second officer, "Pingwo," has gone second officer, "Yusang."

Mr. H. A. Mick, second officer, "Yusang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Fry, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Luenho."

Mr. J. W. Fisher, supply second engineer, "Luenho," has gone second engineer, same ship.

Mr. F. Hill, second engineer, "Luenho," has gone acting chief engineer, same ship.

Mr. J. Stalker, chief engineer, "Luenho," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Manson, third engineer, "Luenho," has gone third engineer, "Yusang."

Mr. J. Macdonald, third engineer, "Yusang," is on reserve.

Mr. F. Dunstan, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Yusang."

Mr. F. Kerslake, second engineer, "Yusang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. B. Patey, chief officer, "Haifoong," is on reserve.

Mr. W. J. Collam, second officer, "Kinshan," is on reserve.

Mr. G. H. Madden, chief officer, "Sutai," has gone chief officer, "Taishan."

Mr. R. H. Stewart, chief officer, "Taishan," has gone chief officer, "Sutai."

Captain R. G. Gillespie, of the "Devawongse," is on reserve.

Mr. P. MacGinnis, chief officer, "Devawongse," is on reserve.

Captain E. G. Rapley, from reserve, has gone master, "New Mathilde."

Mr. R. A. Prichard, acting master, "New Mathilde," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Shipping and Engineering.

SEIZED SHIP.

SOVIET AND THE SEAWEED STORY.

Peking, March 19.

Discussing the Taku ultimatum with the foreign Consuls at Mukden, General Yang Yu-tung said that the Mukden flotilla completely fulfilled its mission when it seized the Russian str.

"Oleg" and secured the Russian arms and ammunition she carried. The Fengtien authorities, therefore, had no objection whatever to comply with the terms of the ultimatum.

In connection with the above, the Tass (Soviet official agency) to-day carries a statement by the Soviet trade representative to the effect that the story that the "Oleg" was discovered to be carrying arms is totally devoid of truth.

The "Oleg" was carrying a cargo of seaweed, and a very careful search by the Mukden authorities did not reveal anything else except that indicated in her papers. "Reuter's Pacific Service."

Besides collecting 22,000 for Hospital Saturday Fund last year, London telephone girls have subscribed amongst themselves sufficient money to equip two women's hospitals in London with wireless installations.

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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.

TENYO MARU Saturday, 27th March.

KOREA MARU (omit Nankai and Honolulu) Tuesday, 6th April.

SHINYO MARU Wednesday, 21st April.

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

ANYO MARU Wednesday, 14th April.

BOKUYO MARU Saturday, 20th May.

SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.

SHIDZUOKA MARU Wednesday, 31st March.

YOKOHAMA MARU Thursday, 15th April.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Port.

FUSHIMI MARU Friday, 26th March, at 6 p.m.

HAZAKI MARU Saturday, 10th April.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.

TANGO MARU Wed., 24th March, at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 21st April.

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BIRTH.

CARRIE.—On March 22, at
Edinburgh, to Mr. and Mrs.
W. J. Carrie, Hongkong Civil
Service, a son.

Hongkong, Wednesday, March 24, 1926.

PASSPORT TO TRADE.

Although written over three
months ago and only published
now in the annual report of the
General Chamber of Commerce
the letter from the Vice-Chan-
cellor of the University to the
Chamber is pregnant with interest.
Commerce and education are
sisters. One is the natural com-
plement of the other. Trade not
only follows the flag but it can be
created and maintained by knowl-
edge—a knowledge of languages,
customs, and customers' tempera-
ments and requirements.

In his communication to the
Chamber the Vice-Chancellor
quotes an extract from a speech
by Sir Frederick Lugard in 1912,
which is well worth reiterating:—

If we believe that British inter-
ests will be thus (i.e. by the
use of English as a medium of
instruction) promoted, we be-
lieve equally firmly that
graduates by the mastery of
English will acquire the key to
a great literature, and the pas-
port to a great trade.

In summarising the objects and
principles of the University Sir
Frederick Lugard wrote about the
same time that its medium was
to be English, so that those who
graduated in the University might
be able to read for themselves the
works in English dealing with the
subjects they take and British
influence in the Far East might
be extended.

The most obvious source from
which that passport to trade—and
incidentally to that upholding of
the name and fame of the British
in the Far East—can spring is our
schools and our University. Our
schools are the natural feeders of
the University, and the elemen-
tary education there imparted
must be such as to fit students for
graduating to the University.
And, to quote the Vice-Chancellor
once more, "the University, if it
is to justify its existence, as the
only British University in the Far
East, must do more, than impart
technical and professional compe-
tence. Its teachers must study
critically the signs of the times,
and there must be among them
those who are capable of inter-

preting the West to China and
China to the West."

In the splendid work of the
University the business men of
the Colony have a unique oppor-
tunity of assisting in the only
practicable way that business men
can be expected to help—by a
generous response to the appeal
for funds to take the University
out of its financial difficulties. The
British members of the General
Chamber of Commerce have
already done excellently by fur-
nishing a grant of \$12,000 a year
since 1921 toward the support of
the Department of Commerce in
the University. Up to the begin-
ning of this month subscriptions
amounting to "some thousands of
dollars" (the exact sum is not
mentioned in the Chamber's an-
nual report) have been received
by the Committee of the Chamber
in response to the Vice-Chan-
cellor's appeal. It is gathered
inferentially that more money is
still required and expected of the
British members of the Chamber
of Commerce. The Committee is
urging British members who have
not responded to do so "if at all
possible." There ought to be no
doubt whatever as to the effect of
this appeal once the objects are
fully understood and once the
merchants themselves realise the
immense importance to British
trade of the work of the Univer-
sity.

SUBWAYS.

The annual meeting of the
Hongkong Automobile Association
rightly had its attention drawn to
the inadequate parking arrange-
ments on this side of the harbour.
It seems likely that the Associa-
tion will prove of assistance to
the authorities in solving the motor
car congestion problem. Pedder
Street, Chater Road and Statue
Square are, at the present time,
no things of beauty: they are cer-
tainly not a joy for ever. Motor
cars and cycles have to be parked,
and the present system is doubt-
less the best in the circumstances.
But the best needs to be improved.
Pedder Street is somewhat of a
danger—a danger to motorists
and pedestrians. The same can
be said of the space opposite the
Post Office. Has the question of
subways been considered? Is the
idea feasible? Would it not be
better to have cars parked
underground rather than be clus-
tered together in such numbers
and in so close a proximity as to
be a "danger"? Failing
this, should there not be some
huge garage near the centre of
the town for "waiting" cars?
Arrangements could be made for
cars to be signalled from a stand-
ard near the Post Office with the
numbers of all cars registered.
Thus the owner of, say, car No.
487, would simply press a button
indicating that number, to have it
signalled at the garage. Here is
an opportunity for the motoring
community to show its willing-
ness to evolve order. Chaos is
far from being the rule at the
moment. In the circumstances of
our narrow and congested centre
district, those responsible for the
control of vehicular traffic may be
said to have done exceedingly well.
The point is, can the present
arrangements be improved?

JUNK PIRATED.

REMARKABLE STORY OF
ESCAPE.

BATTLE WITH PICKETS.

The remarkable experiences of
the crew of a trading junk which
left Hongkong for Tam Chau with
a cargo of kerosene on February
26 and returned to the Colony on
Saturday were reported to the
police last night.

Between Tung Ku and Lin Tin,
in Chinese waters, a volley was
fired in the air from two fishing
boats and the junk was ordered to
stop. About 20 men armed with
rifles and revolvers clambered
aboard the junk and overpowered
the crew with fishing nets.

The junk was then taken to Kam
Sing Mun where the robbers com-
menced to discharge the cargo.
Whilst this was going on one of
the robbers shouted out that a
Chinese customs cruiser was ap-
proaching them. They hastily got
into their boats and escaped, hav-
ing taken 20 tins of kerosene and
property valued at \$345.

The occurrence was reported to
the Customs cruiser "Chung Kang"
which came alongside an hour later
and the voyage was continued to
Tam Chau which was reached on
March 17.

On the return voyage with a
cargo of firewood, the junk received
the attention of strike pickets, from
a launch, who fired on the crew
and wounded a man and two
women. The fire was returned and
the pickets were beaten off. The
junk eventually reached Hongkong
without further incident.

INVESTITURE.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE
BRIGADE.

TO-DAY'S PROCEDURE.

For the inspection of the St.
John Ambulance Brigade, and in-
vestiture by H. E. the Governor (Sir
Cecil Clementi), the following will
be the procedure (start at 5.15 p.m.
at the Murray parade ground):—

1. His Excellency will be re-
ceived with a Royal Salute.
2. His Excellency will inspect
the Corps.
3. The Corps will "march past."
4. A demonstration of work will
be given.
5. His Excellency will invest
certain officers and members,
and will address the parade.
6. The Corps will retire from the
ground.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong is an honorary
Knight of Grace in the Order of
St. John of Jerusalem. The follow-
ing are holders of medals of the
Order. ("For conspicuous gallan-
try in saving life at imminent
risks"):

Silver Medal:—E. Ralphs, As-
sistant Commissioner, in charge, St.
John Ambulance Brigade.
Bronze Medal:—D. Burlingham,
Assistant Superintendent, Hong-
kong Police; H. T. Brooks, Superin-
tendent, Hongkong Fire Brigade;
J. Condon, Assistant, Hongkong
Fire Brigade; G. A. Hyder, Lance
Corporal, St. John Ambulance
Brigade; H. Brugs, Scout Master,
B. P. Boy Scouts.
Bellios Medal ("For conspicuous
bravery")—Fan Lam and Lau Kiu,
Hongkong Fire Brigade; Chek Tai-
kwong, Sze-To Chung and Leung
Sui-sang, Sergeants in the Ambu-
lance Brigade.

The trophies to be presented are:
Ralphs shield (for general effi-
ciency at annual competition)—
division.

Lau Chu-pak duty cup (for best
record of actual ambulance duty
performed during 1925)—Indian
division.

Holyoak attendance cup (for best
attendance during 1925)—Railway
division.

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The Hongkong and Shanghai
Hotels announce that they have
secured the services of the s.s.
"Franconia" orchestra for a
special dinner dance at Repulse Bay
Hotel to-morrow night.

This orchestra of eleven artists
is under the able direction of Mr.
Harry Woodland. Mr. Woodland is
by no means a stranger in this
Colony, this being his third ap-
pearance as leader of the "Fran-
conia" orchestra. The orchestra,
during the recent tour has played
at all the leading hotels, that the
"Franconia" has already visited.
At New York, Colombo and Bombay,
the hotels had the music broad-
casted.

Their appearance to-morrow
night will be the first time that
this orchestra has appeared in
Hongkong.

L.M.S. HOSPITAL.

WORK OF ALICE MEMORIAL
GROUP.

THE X-RAY.

The X-Ray apparatus which it
has been possible to install in the
Alice Memorial Hospital through
the generosity of an anonymous
donor has been worked most suc-
cessfully and has been of great
assistance in the work of healing
that the hospital is carrying on.
This was referred to at the an-
nual meeting yesterday, of the
hospital over which the Hon. Mr.
P. H. Holyoak presided, supported
by Sir Henry Pollock, Rev. T. W.
Pearce, Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland,
J. Owen Hughes, G. M. Shaw,
W. L. Pattenden, T. N. Chau, J. M.
Wong, E. H. Cameron, Dr. R.
McLean Gibson, Rev. H. R. Wells,
Dr. (Mrs.) J. A. Fraser, and Mrs.
A. MacKenzie.

The number of patients treated
was below the average for the
year owing to the abnormal con-
ditions, stated the Superinten-
dent's annual report. Another
matter mentioned was the scheme
for rebuilding the Nethersole
Hospital which it had not been
possible to proceed with as yet;
also the retirement on account of
ill health after twenty years' ser-
vice, of Dr. Mitchell.

With regard to the new build-
ing, the plans were approved in
the course of the meeting, the
Rev. H. B. Wells, stating that the
erection of the building would be
gradual and the old building would
at the same time be demolished.

Special thanks are due, the re-
port stated, to all the members of
the Executive Committee for the
time and thought which they de-
voted to the problem of financing
the hospitals under difficult con-
ditions. The Hon. Mr. Holyoak,
Chairman, Mr. Greenwood and
Mr. Butlin, Hon. Treasurers, and
Mr. Wells, Secretary, were un-
derstanding in their efforts to do ev-
erything possible to maintain the
efficiency of the work.

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall has
been appointed to the vacancy in
the Executive Committee caused
by the death of Mr. Chau. Mr.
T. N. Chau kindly offered to col-
lect the Chinese Subscriptions and
has done well in obtaining so many
subscriptions.

We are greatly indebted to Dr.
C. E. Aubrey who has again given
valuable help as Consultant, to
Dr. E. F. Minnett who has
examined pathological specimens,
and to Dr. Li Sun and Dr. (Mrs.)
Fraser who have lectured in Mid-
wifery to the nurses.

The work which the late Mr.
Chau Siu-ki had put in for the
Hospital was also referred to
with gratitude.

Financial Needs.

It was stated in the course of
the meeting that the year ended
with a heavy debt owing to a
dropping off in donations. The
estimates for the year showed a
deficiency of \$4,300. The need
for a larger endowment fund to
provide a regular additional
source of income was referred to.
Referring to the financial needs
of the Hospital, the Chairman said
he knew this was not the time to
appeal for donations but he knew
there were many in the Colony
who would give a donation with-
out being hurt. He, the speaker,
would be leaving for England be-
fore very long but he was prepared
to assist the Hospital as far as he
could in the way of collecting
donations if he were required to
do so.

His Chairmanship of the Board,
said Mr. Holyoak, he regarded as
a labour of love and he looked
upon the work of the institution
as one of the noblest in the
Colony. He thought it was a
work of self-sacrifice and a
magnificent one.

Commenting on the work of the
various hospitals, the chairman
said that there were 69 operations
performed in the Ho Miu Ling
Hospital, and 63 in the Nethersole
Hospital. The in-patients of the
former institution were 424, in
the latter 523, and in the Alice
Memorial Hospital there were
445, giving a total of 1,402. The
out-patients numbered 426 in the
Ho Miu Ling Hospital, 7,338 in
the Nethersole Hospital, 825 in
the Alice Memorial Hospital and
11,779 attended the Dispensary,
giving a total of 20,368.

In conclusion, he congratulated
Dr. Gibson and his staff on the
work they had done for the
hospital.

MRS. GRUNDY.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Tokyo, March 18.
This evening a bill was present-
ed to the Lower House, providing
for the prohibition of the Western
style of dancing in hotels, restau-
rants and other public places.
Offenders will be fined ¥200.

U.S. POLICY.

DELEGATE FOR DISARMA-
MENT CONFERENCE.

THE WORLD COURT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 23.

President Coolidge has selected
Mr. Hugh S. Gibson, American
Minister at Bern, to head the
American delegation at the pre-
liminary Disarmament Conference
at Geneva.

From Washington it is reported
that President Coolidge doubts
the necessity of sending a repre-
sentative to the World Court
Meeting in Geneva to explain the
Senate's reservations regarding
America's adherence to the World
Court as the reservations speak
for themselves.

EAST ASIATIC CO.

DIVIDEND OF FOURTEEN
PER CENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Copenhagen, March 23.

The directors of the East
Asiatic Company in their annual
report for last year state that,
after providing administration
expenses, depreciations, and taxes,
they propose a dividend of 14 per
cent, and a bonus to the staff,
absorbing 615,159 kroner, leaving
to be carried forward 5,076,820
kroner.

THE SCHNEIDER CUP.

ROYAL AERO CLUB.

NOT COMPETING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 24.

The Royal Aero Club has de-
cided not to challenge the Schnei-
der Cup in 1926.

TOO COLD!

BISHOP OF THE NORTH
POLE.

HIS WIFE'S HEALTH.

The Rt. Rev. J. R. Lucas, Bishop
of Mackenzie River, Canada, since
1913, has relinquished his diocese
owing to the ill-health of his wife.

Mrs. Lucas's breakdown in
health is due to the trying life of
the earlier days in the frozen
north. Dr. Lucas, known to his
brother clergies as the "Bishop of
the North Pole," has a diocese
covering 600,000 square miles, with
only about 6,000 people, almost en-
tirely Indians and Eskimoes. On
one of his visits to London he gave
some interesting particulars of his
great "pariah" remarking that

The diocese includes the North
Pole, but I don't think an en-
deavour will be made to establish
a mission there until we know
our way about those regions
better.

The cathedral church is, at
Fort Simpson, and to catch a
train we have to start six and a
half weeks in advance. The
nearest railway station is a thou-
sand miles away.

The transformation worked in
our Eskimoes has been pro-
found. Formerly they used to
be dirty, dishonest, and untrust-
worthy. Now, before attending
church every week, they insist
on having a bath, no matter how
low the temperature may be.
They will meet snow in their huts
to do it.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" from Hongkong on March 5
arrived at Vancouver on March 22
between 6 and 8 p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" left Shanghai yesterday at
4 p.m. is due at Hongkong to-
morrow afternoon, and leaves Hong-
kong on March 26 at 5 p.m. The
steamer is due at Manila on March
28 in the morning. She will leave
Manila in the afternoon and is due
at Hongkong on March 30.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of
Australia" left Vancouver for
Hongkong, via Japan ports and
Shanghai, on March 20 and is due
here on April 10.

A steam launch and a junk were
in collision yesterday morning off
Green Island. The damage was
insignificant and there were no
casualties.

GENEVA CRITICS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Threat to Resign.

Sir Austen Chamberlain intimated that if to-night's vote were adverse he would resign. He did his best to persuade other nations not to raise the question of the enlargement of the Council at present and urged them to get Germany into the League and not complicate the discussion by introducing other issues.

He emphasised the difficulties caused by the publicity given to the Polish claim by arousing the national feeling of each country. He added that unless in future the nations who were members of the League, and especially members of the Council, were prepared to attain their ends without making a positive stand publicly, the League could not work and its whole purpose would be destroyed.

Spain Warned.

Sir A. Chamberlain explained that he informed all parties concerned before the discussions at Geneva of the exact attitude of the British Government. For example, he told the Spanish Ambassador that if the candidature of Spain would impede the entry of Germany he would vote against Spain.

He concluded by claiming that the Locarno accord had withstood the great strain of Geneva. The spirit of Locarno persisted and inspired the policy of the seven nations who had signed that Treaty. The influence of Great Britain stood higher than at any time since the war. (Labour protests and Ministerial cheers.) Whilst he had been spokesman of his country in foreign relations nobody with whom he dealt in that capacity had questioned the honesty of our policy or doubted our good faith or our word. (Loud Ministerial cheers.)

PESSIMISM.

Ramsay MacDonald Speaks.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald declared that Sir Austen Chamberlain's attitude had resulted in the most lamentable failure of British diplomacy for many years. Great Britain had got mixed up with diplomacy which was hostile to the League. He left the League in confusion and sadness, whilst the cynicism abroad in Europe was such as was unknown since the war.

WELL ANSWERED.

Lord H. Cecil's Praise.

Lord Hugh Cecil said that he saw nothing in the events at Geneva which was harmful to peace. He declared that Sir Austen Chamberlain had answered his critics with manly and convincing candour.

TWO CHANCES.

Labour and Prestige.

Mr. J. H. Thomas (Labour, Derby) said that the Opposition was suspicious that Great Britain had been committed in advance, and it joined issue with the Government on the ground that a serious blow had been struck at the League's prestige. He declared that if the League failed the workers would forge another instrument to take its place—an instrument that could bring about international peace. He added that Sir Austen Chamberlain had had one chance and missed it. The House of Commons tried to give him another, and he did not take it. They refused to give him a third chance.

NEW SITUATION.

Prime Minister's Views.

Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, replying, said that the new Commission would confront a new situation free of all engagements of any kind. It would consider the future composition of the Council, and Germany had been invited to take a seat on equal terms with equal rights of speech and voting on the Commission.

Mr. Baldwin expressed the Cabinet's confidence in Sir Austen Chamberlain, who had come through difficult and trying times, having done his best in the circumstances. Sir Austen Chamberlain in a few months would bring to fruition the efforts in which he had been so long engaged. (Loud Ministerial cheers.)

THE DIVISION.

On a division Mr. Lloyd George's motion was rejected, the voting being—

Against motion 825
For motion 136
Majority 189

Another Report.

MORE ALLEGATIONS BY LLOYD GEORGE.

International Browbeating.

(British Wireless Service.)

"Rugby, March 23."

In the course of his speech in the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George declared that the ideas of March had ended in tragedy. The Locarno Powers were responsible for the failure at Geneva, which had so damaged the machinery of peace. The obvious procedure at Geneva was to elect Germany to the League. If the Locarno Powers had stood by that, and insisted on the postponement of all other claims, no one would have doubted that it would have gone through without any difficulty. Instead, the Locarno Powers, including Great Britain, had negotiated, conferred, manoeuvred, calcofed, and indulged in international browbeating with a view to carrying their nominees. How could one blame Brazil under these conditions?

CHARGES MET.

Chamberlain's Able Defence.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, in reply, regretted that Mr. Lloyd Geo. had formulated no direct charge against him. But he understood that the first charge against him was that, when he passed through Paris in December he entered into some secret and unavowed agreement with Mr. Briand, the French Premier, about the Polish claims.

Mr. Lloyd George, interposing, said that he suggested that Sir Austen Chamberlain, whilst in Paris in December, had promised the Spanish Ambassador there to support the case of Spain, and that Mr. Briand had already promised to support the case of Poland.

Continuing, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the second charge against him was that he had acted disloyally to Germany; and the third charge was that if he had put his foot down some time previous to Geneva no other country would have raised a claim and that the whole matter would have passed over without difficulty. And, lastly, that when at Geneva he engaged in secret discussions instead of turning on all discussions in the public sitting of the Council or Assembly.

The Meeting With Briand.

Taking these charges seriatim, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that when he met Mr. Briand in Paris he took the opportunity of learning his views on a number of subjects, but he began the conversations by telling him that on no matter whatever could he take any engagement until he had returned to his own country and got in touch with the Foreign Office and consulted with his colleagues if necessary. They spoke about Poland, and he asked Mr. Briand why the French Government proposed to support the admission of Poland to the League Council, and more particularly the claim of Poland to a permanent seat? He might report faithfully to his Government.

Any suggestion that at that interview he undertook any kind of obligation to support the Polish claim whether for a permanent seat or a temporary seat was without the least foundation.

"I denied it before I went to Geneva and I desire my denial to be as categorical as possible."

He had already refused to Spain the assurance that Great Britain would in suitable circumstances renew the support of her claims, which four years ago he and Mr. Lloyd George as a member of the Coalition Government had championed, and which the British Government had accepted.

No Disloyalty.

It was wholly untrue that he had acted disloyally to Germany, and that had he put his foot down no other nation would have ventured to put forward her claim. The Germans with whom he had dealt had never made a charge of disloyalty. At Geneva he did his best to persuade other nations not to raise the question of new seats at this time.

The League was an association of equal nations, and to point to the representative of this country as some brief Dictator who could order the nations about and order them not to use their covenanted right was to misunderstand the whole position of the League. If ever any British representative attempted to play that role at Geneva he would have the reprobatation of the whole League as his guerdon.

The position of Great Britain was detached from the extreme view, and she seemed once more in a position to play her accustomed part of mediator and conciliator.

Conflicting Views.

What was the view of the conflicting parties? On the one hand the Germans said that it never entered their mind that any change was

contemplated in the Council except the addition of a permanent seat for themselves. They could not alter what was the basis of their whole domestic campaign. As to other countries, he believed that every Power but one said that they would be happy to support Germany's admission to a permanent seat on the Council.

Where Germany Slipped.

Brazil sent an entirely different reply. She indicated that she was willing to see Germany a member, but gave no terms. She expressly said that this was not a matter to be treated between Government and Government, but a matter to be decided in the League itself at Geneva as a result of the discussions there with due regard to international law, the spirit of the League, and other matters. Ought not that answer to have put Germany on her guard?

French Position.

France replied, saying that she was ready to support Germany's claim to a permanent seat on the Council and to proportionate representation on the Secretariat, but she contended, as to other considerations developed in the memorandum of the German Government, that Germany's request for admission cannot be receivable unless it carries with it neither conditions nor reservations nor additions.

Britain's Policy.

In the answer which the British Government sent there was a similar phrase. In the same way we would support Germany's claim to a seat on the Council and a place in the Secretariat. There was no provision for Germany being allowed to claim admission to the League on special conditions or with reservations. He made no charge of bad faith against Germany, and he said that she had no ground for a charge of bad faith against anybody else.

The German Mind.

The fact of the matter was that Germany was not thinking of this particular point. She put forward only conditions which seemed to her important; and when the Powers had answered accepting the proposal for a permanent seat and rejected all the conditions, they believed that no other conditions were in the German mind. Consequently, there was misunderstanding and there was very nearly a quarrel for want of understanding.

The subject of the conditions under which Germany would enter the League was raised during the long debate at Locarno. Never once was it suggested or hinted that Germany attached any importance at that moment to her entry being accompanied by that of another Power. They all regretted what had occurred. He blamed no one.

Instructions Clear.

Sir Austen Chamberlain told the House what his instructions were: "Subject to my discretion of making the best arrangement, I could in accordance with the development of the situation, our policy should be based upon the following principles. No change in the Council can be admitted which would have the effect of preventing or delaying the entry of Germany. It would be best that Germany should as a member of Council have full responsibility for any further change in the Council beyond her own admission. The rule that only the Great Powers should be permanent members of the Council should in principle be maintained. Spain is in a special position and may require exceptional treatment. Neither Poland nor Brazil should be made permanent members at present, but Poland should be given a non-permanent seat as soon as possible."

Sweden's Offer.

He fully concurred with those instructions. His first act when he got to Geneva was to convene the Locarno Powers for discussion. The conversations among the Locarno Powers were reported to the Council, and it was out of the Council discussions that there arose spontaneously Sweden's offer to resign her seat in order to get over the difficulty. There was no pressure put by anyone on Sweden to take that course. There had been suggestions from the side of the Locarno Powers that one of them might resign in order to make room for Poland, but it was not from them that the suggestion that Sweden should retire did come nor would they ever have made such a proposition to Sweden.

"I confess I did not anticipate that, when all others were agreed, Brazil—far removed from the dangers we were seeking to avert for Europe—would step in on behalf of a claim individual to herself to prevent the consummation of a universal desire."

The debate will be continued in a special midnight message.

[The special midnight message from Rugby was not received in Hongkong owing to bad atmospheric conditions, but the main points of the debate and the result of the division are given in Reuter's cablegram above.]

GERMAN ATTITUDE.

THOSE LOCARNO "PROMISES."

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, March 23.

The Reichstag adopted the Government Parties' motion approving the attitude of the German delegation at Geneva, regretting that the outcome of the Geneva negotiations did not correspond with the justifiable German expectations, and declaring that "the Reichstag expects the Government to obtain speedily guarantees that the promises made at Locarno, especially as regards the occupied regions, shall be fulfilled as soon as possible in accordance with Germany's just demands, and thus make effective, before Germany's entry into the League, the agreement reached at Geneva in regard to the maintenance and continuance of the Locarno policy."

The Reichstag, by 259 votes to 141, rejected the German National Party's motion of no-confidence in the Government including a demand for Germany to withdraw her application for admission to the League.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Chamberlain Exonerated.

London, March 24.

The "Daily Telegraph" declares that there is no longer any excuse for the grossly partisan attacks on Sir Austen Chamberlain and the Government. The difficulties that had arisen at Geneva were inherent not only through the constitution of the League but also through stubborn facts and the international situation. The "Morning Post" says that the only danger to peace in Europe at present is the League. Without it she would have been able to settle her differences. This wonderful invention had been foisted upon Europe by one American and the nation was now standing still by another.

The Daily Graphic states: The cardinal fault at Geneva was that the Locarno Powers had tried to rule the League with the methods of the old diplomacy. The danger was the remains of that temper which regards the League as a large scale Foreign Office.

"WETS" WIN.

BIG MAJORITIES IN "STRAW" PLEBISCITES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 23.

The result of the "straw" votes conducted by two separate groups of newspapers gave big "Wet" majorities, and roughly resulted: For Prohibition 500,000
For repeal 1,500,000
For light wines and beer 2,000,000
All the big cities were overwhelmingly "Wet."

STEAMER AFIRE.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Nagasaki, March 19.

A report from Kobe states that fire on the s.s. "Masula" has totally destroyed 300 bales of Indian cotton and partially destroyed 500 bales. The damage is estimated at ¥160,000.

GREEK DICTATORSHIP.

Athens, March 15.

The Greek General Pangalos, has signed a decree prohibiting Venezuelans and other members of the former dynasty in being put up as candidates for the next presidential election.—"China Press."

BELGIAN FLIGHT.

JOURNEY TO THE CONGO COMPLETED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, March 23.

The Belgian airmen have made a complete flight to Leopoldville.

SULTAN DIES OF WOUNDS.

Paris, March 15.

The Sultan of the Druse rebels who was seriously wounded by a French airplane bomb is now reported dead.—"China Press."

SHORTHAND RECORD.

Berlin, March 16.

Adolf Frangen of Garmersbach, Germany, has broken the world's shorthand record by writing 440 syllables a minute.—"China Press."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 24—Queen's Theatre: "The Age of Innocence."
March 24—World Theatre: "Cytherea."

March 24—Star Theatre: "The Night Rose."
April 10—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Sports.

March 27—Hongkong University Athletic Sports meeting on University Ground, Pokfulam, 2.30 p.m.
April 3—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, 2.30 p.m.

April 5—Fanning Hunt Steeple-chase meeting at Kwantli race course, near Fanning (New Territories).

May 1—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

June 5—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

October 2—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

November 6—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Company Meetings.

March 25—Forty-second ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

March 26—Fifty-seventh meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, at noon.

March 27—Forty-first meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

March 29—Annual meeting of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd., at 2, Queen's Buildings, noon.

Miscellaneous.

March 24—Annual meeting of the Hongkong Rationalist Association, 5.15 p.m.

March 24—Fifth annual meeting of the "British Legion" in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 6.30 p.m.

March 26—Extraordinary meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders at 6 p.m. in the Reading Room of the Institution.

March 29—Annual meeting of the Hongkong S.P.C.A. in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

March 30—Display of singing, dancing and recitation by pupils of Peak School, at the Peak Club, 5.15 p.m.

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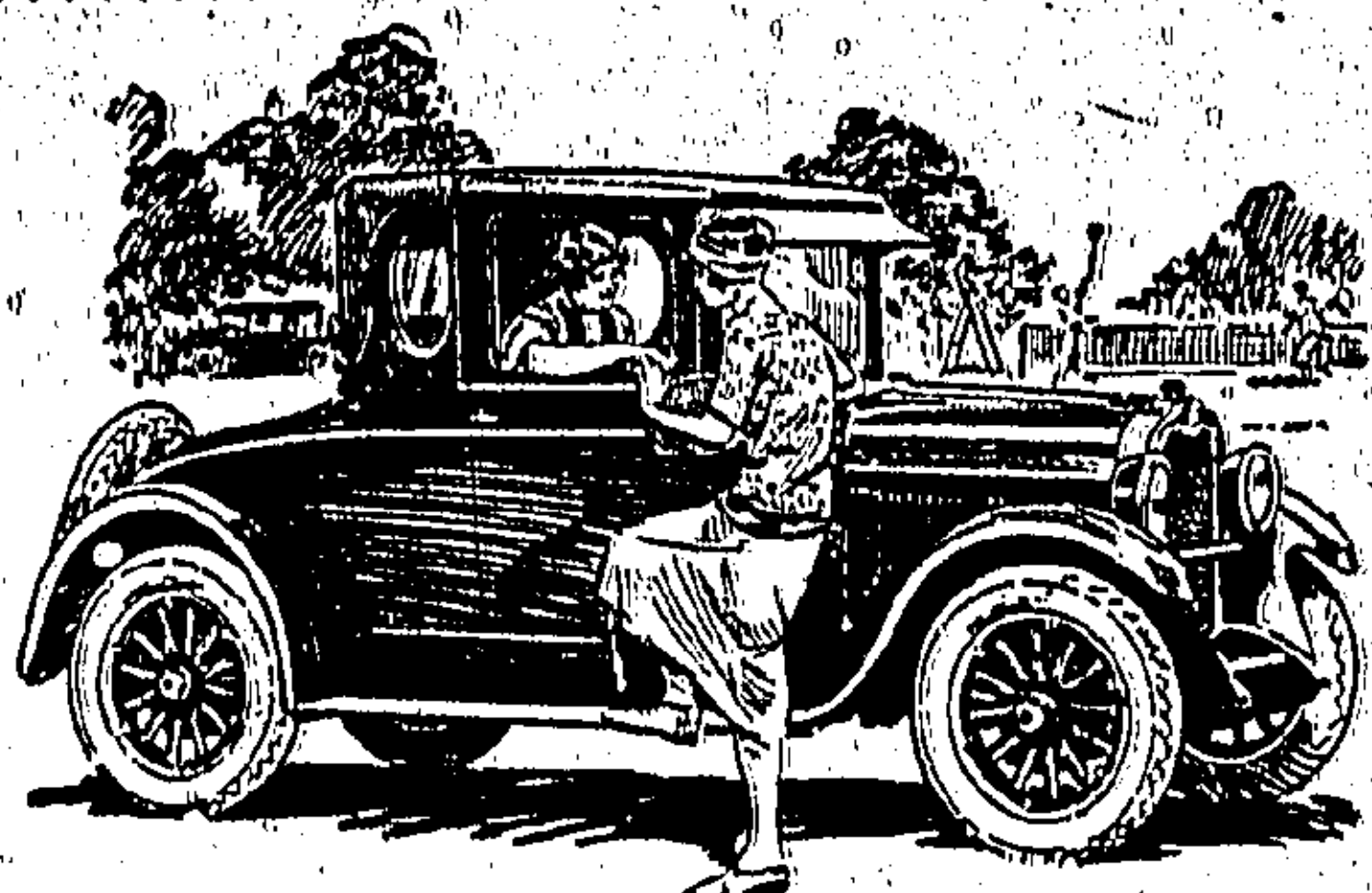
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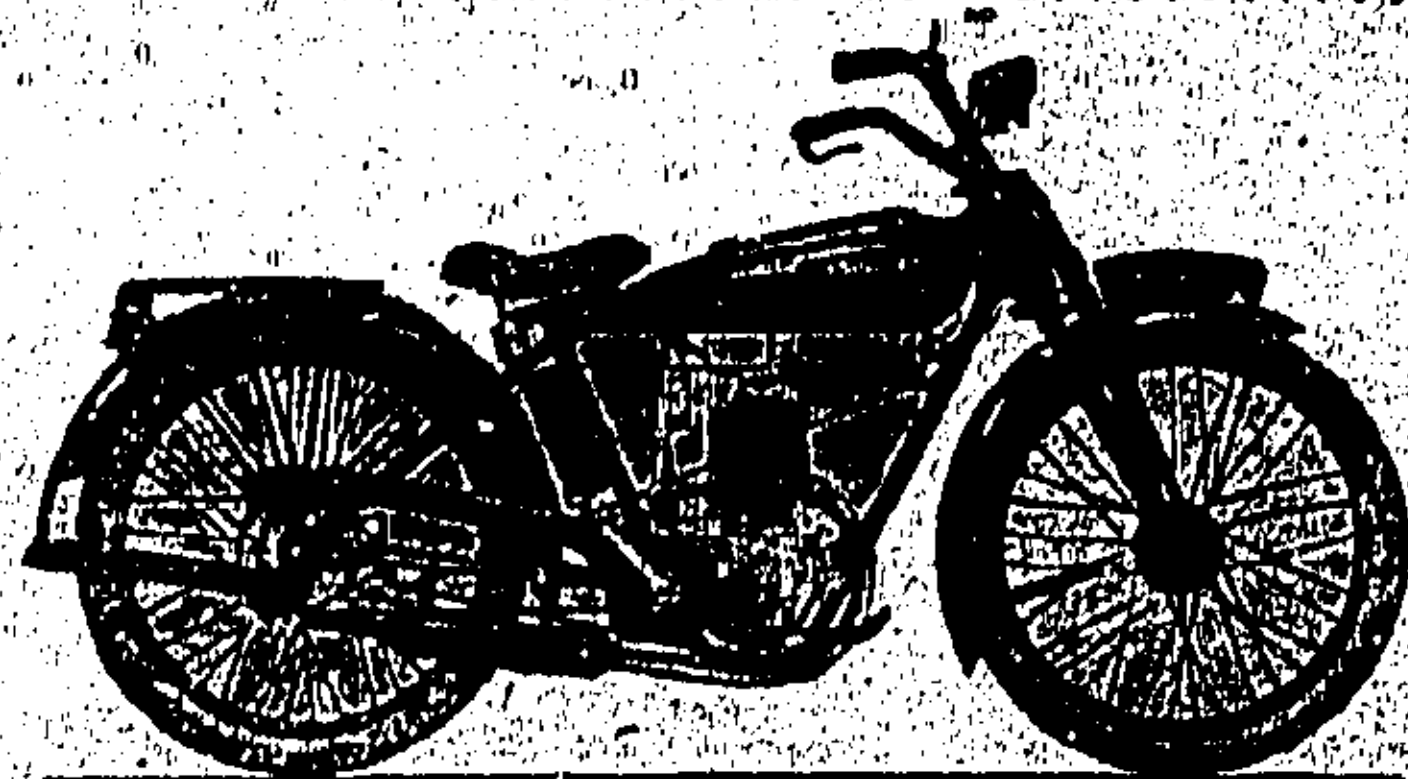
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Conference meetings of the New Zealand Mission are being held at Cheung Chau.

The Residents' Association at Cheung Chau is busy getting roads into shape for the season.

Tokyo is to raise 600,000 yen towards the cost of building a Y.M.C.A., costing 1,600,000 yen. One million yen is to come from America. The building will be the largest in the world of this description, outside the States.

The hearing of the case in which three Chinese (one of whom, Fok Chuen-yuen, disappeared whilst on bail) are charged with an alleged conspiracy to defraud the Wing On Company of \$60,000 reached a further stage before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday and was again adjourned until Friday.

At the Central Magistracy, yesterday, an earth cooler was charged with alleged murder of another cooler whose body was subsequently found in a lane at Wanchai. In outlining the case, it was stated that the murder was the result of a quarrel between the two men who lived in a house at Sun Street. The case was adjourned.

Every Thursday at noon, there is a service in the Union Church, Kowloon, for Japanese business men and women. The service, which is in charge of the Rev. Mr. Yonezawa, pastor of the Methodist Church near the Kowloon, has had unexpectedly large congregations every week and bids fair to be as successful a venture as it is impressive.

Among traffic prosecutions at the Central Magistracy yesterday, three taxi drivers were fined \$10 each for refusing hire, while another had to pay \$15 for carrying too many passengers. The killing of a dog belonging to a European was one of the charges against a motor car driver who was fined \$10. At Kowloon, a bus driver was fined \$25 for disregarding the rule of the road.

Overhaul to various houses at Cheung Chau are being contemplated in view of the approach of the summer season.

The Kobe Customs trade returns for the first ten days of this month (March 1 to 10) show exports valued at Yen 21,314,000, and imports valued at Yen 30,485,000, the excess of imports amounting to Yen 9,171,000.

Britain's uncomplaining assumption of the burden of the war and the manner in which it has shouldered a burden due solely to adherence to a moral ideal, is the best answer to the carping critics who believe the industrial sun has set so far as Britain is concerned. Such is the opinion of Sir Andrew Pettigrew, chairman of the great Scottish textile firm of Campbells and Stewart and McDonald, Ltd.

The Government of Burma announces that it has come to its notice that attempts are often made to influence executive engineers and superintending engineers responsible for accepting tenders on behalf of the Public Works Department in favour of particular contractors. The Government has now decided that any attempt on the part of the tenderer to enlist support for his tender will entail the rejection of that tender.

Dr. Headlett, Bishop of South Tokyo, is making an appeal for the diocese of Hokkaido, in North Japan, the bishopric of which is now vacant for want of funds to support it. For 50 years the C.M.S. has supplied a Bishop, workers, and funds, but the society is now regrettably compelled to discontinue its grants. "Unless other assistance can be procured," writes Dr. Headlett, "quite half the present work in Hokkaido must be given up. We have the workers. We have the properties. We have the opportunities. We lack money only. A sum of \$10,000 will save the Hokkaido Diocese from practical extinction."

"The Age of Innocence" at the Queen's Theatre gives a good idea of the famous novel. It will be shown this evening. To-morrow "Monna Vanna" is the attraction.

A remarkable book has recently been published in Berlin. It is a psychological interpretation of the ex-Kaiser's character. The author is Professor Emil Ludwig, and the book is making something of a sensation in Germany. Putnam's have arranged to publish an English edition of the work this year. Miss Ethel Colburn Mayne is to make the translation.

The "Japan Times" states that the installation of automatic telephones in Yokohama will be completed in March, according to the Yokohama Central Telephone Office. Owing to the fact that this system does away with telephone operators and is operated by purely mechanical means, successful operation depends entirely upon the proper usage of the machines.

Henry Ford is entitled to exclusive use of the name "Ford" in the script made familiar by Ford Motor Company advertising, according to an opinion handed down by a federal judge in an injunction suit brought by the Ford Motor Company against the Fiske Brothers Refining Company, which employed the Ford trade name in advertising an oil.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lovers of Sheila Kaye-Smith's novels will be interested to hear that she is engaged upon a sequel of one of the most popular of them.

During his stay in Japan, Mr. Eric Rice added about 100 members to the Overseas League, principally in Tokyo, Yokohama and Kobe.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Sergeant R. T. P. Hicks, of Murray Barracks, to Miss Phyllis Storey, who is due to arrive in the Colony by the s.s. "Assaye."

The Rev. T. W. Pearce, LL.D., of the London Mission and Warden of Morrison Hill, has been the local Secretary of the British & Foreign Bible Society for over 40 years. Dr. Pearce is proceeding on home leave shortly.

The Rev. G. McNear has been appointed Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand. He leaves on the "Tango Maru" to-day with Mrs. McNear. Residents of Cheung Chau have cordially expressed their good wishes.

The following were recently elected officers of the Kobe branch of the Society of St. George:—Mr. A. W. Cosser, President, Mr. G. N. Hallett, Vice-President, and Dr. Barker, Captain P. Watson and Messrs. B. B. S. Edwards, T. G. Ely, M. Ellerton, J. P. Trousdale, F. A. Wells and C. A. Aslet, Committee-men.

The opera season in Tokyo opened with "Rigoletto" by the Carpi Opera Co. "A" predominantly Japanese audience greeted the presentation with much applause. The Italian Ambassador, Count Della Torre, Madame Della Torre and their two daughters, together with members of the Italian Embassy staff were among the distinguished members of the foreign community who attended the performance.

Mr. William Heughan is having a wonderfully successful season in Canada. He is referred to by the "Daily Province" (Vancouver) as "the Scottish Chaplain," and as "the most thrilling interpretative exponent of the art called, as expressed in folk-song, that Vancouver has heard in two decades." Other big journals are equally complimentary to the "Daily Province" referring to him as an "extraordinary genius" who "astonishes his audience."

King Gustav of Sweden partnering Mr. Satterwall, an Englishman, defeated Prince Chichibu and a Mr. Murray in a tennis match at Nice.

Captain W. H. Calthrop, C.M.G., O.B.E., R.N., is retiring from the post of Master Attendant at Singapore and leaves for home on board the P. and O. "Morica" on April 9.

Those who witnessed "If" will be interested to hear that the author, Lord Dunsany, is publishing a new novel—a romance of the Golden Age of Spain. The title is "The Charwoman's Shadow."

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved of the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Hayes Marriott, C.M.G., as Colonial Secretary Straits Settlements, in succession to the Hon. Mr. E. S. Hogg, C.M.G.

I am told on good authority, says a Home writer, that every shingled woman who respects her shingle dons a sleeping cap when she retires to bed for the night, to keep her hair in position, to protect the wave, and to prevent the ends at the back turning up. The new "bed caps" are not so elaborate as those of former days, but they are night-caps for all that.

The managing committee of the Foreign Section of the League of Nations Association of Japan has accepted the resignation of Dr. R. C. Armstrong, its chairman, who is shortly to return to Canada, and appointed Dr. G. J. Ramstedt, Finnish, in charge of affairs, to serve from the time of Dr. Armstrong's departure until the next annual meeting.

Funeral services for one of Kobe's oldest American residents, Dr. A. G. Boyer, took place at Kobe Union Church, the services being in charge of the pastor, Dr. H. W. Myers. Dr. Boyer died at the residence of Mr. W. B. Strong where he had made his home for several years. He had been suffering from a heart ailment for some time previously but had been confined to his home but a week. Burial was at Kasugano cemetery in Kobe, the pallbearers being Mr. W. E. Strong, Mr. Roy Brown, Mr. Eric R. Dickson, Mr. J. A. Eaton, Mr. G. A. Slicker and Mr. A. C. Lumley. Mrs. Boyer, who died in 1911, was buried at Kasugano Cemetery.

The memory of Scotland's famous bard, Robert Burns, is commemorated in Atlanta, America, by a club formed of admirers and lovers of the great Scotch poet. A reproduction of the cottage at Ayr in which Burns lived, was built by the club where it holds monthly literary meetings. The cottage walls are covered with ivy brought from Scotland.

When Mr. Henry Ainley played Benedict in "Much Ado About Nothing," in London, he appeared in costumes worn by Irving in the same part at the Lyceum in 1882. These Irving costumes are stored in a costumer's warehouse in Wilson-street, Long Acre, with thousands of other dresses belonging to Mrs. H. B. Irving and Mr. T. Hestlewood.

The "Catholic Times" states that the Pope has bestowed on Sir Alfred Bower, Sir Frederick Barthorpe, and Sir Harold Downer, the Knight Commandership of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, in memory of their year of office as Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of the City of London. In the case of Sir Alfred Bower his Holiness has added the further distinction of the Star of the Order.

Harry Lauder had a surprise for his admirers—or that small section of them who were able to get seats—when he reappeared at the Victoria Palace after an absence from London of almost two years. He made his first entry disguised as a piper in full blast, and the disguise was excellent, until the audience started to look for the tune. Then they found Harry instead and welcomed him back uproariously. For 50 minutes Lauder, with his rich, pleasant voice, clean patter and infectious chuckle, was like a breath of mountain air from his own country. His repertoire included "When I Meet Mackay," "Susie Maclean," "The Wig, Waggle of the Kilt," and "I Must be Boss of the House," and though they were sung as only Lauder can sing them, it would be idle to pretend that they will live in the memory like the old favorites. When the curtain fell to a storm of applause the audience called insistently for as many of the old songs as they could get. Lauder had promised he would be singing them yet. Instead he sang himself, with standing in front of the curtain and singing that beautiful "Hebridean" song "The Road to the Isles."

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HOME SOCCER.

LATEST RESULTS IN MID-WEEK.

TABLES TO DATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 23.
League soccer matches to-day (home team given first) resulted:—
Div. III. (North).
Rochdale 2, Nelson 0.
Scottish League I.
St. Mirren 3, Rangers 2.
The respective tables now stand:—
Division III. (North).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	34	22	5	7	28	35	49
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Sheffield	34	19	4	10	26	43	42
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Hull	34	14	9	11	46	41	37
Ashington	34	13	10	12	59	48	36
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Durham	34	15	4	15	52	56	34
Doncaster	34	11	11	10	60	51	33
Coventry	34	14	5	14	60	58	33
Rotherham	34	13	6	14	52	72	32
Accrington	34	14	3	16	62	80	31
Wigan	34	11	8	14	57	58	30
N. Brighton	34	13	4	15	52	60	30
Wrexham	34	13	4	15	52	60	30
Lincoln	34	11	5	17	50	71	27
Southport	34	7	10	16	45	66	24
Walsall	34	6	6	22	45	94	16
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"HONG" GOLF.

WAYFOONG BANK DEFEAT EWO.

"Wayfoong" (the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank) beat "Ewo" (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), in a golf match at Fanling on Sunday by 15½ points to 7½ points.

Conditions: 12-a-side; one point for singles, ½ point for bye of three or more holes; two points for foursomes, ½ point for bye.

Results (with the Wayfoong players given first in each match) were:—

Singles.
Monierieff 1, Macdougall 0; Clerk 1, Coxon 0; Dalgety 1, Cornaby 0; Walker 0, Piercy 1; Towns 1½, Simon 0; Green 0, Butchart 1; Cooke 0, Shaw 1; Doyle 1, Mason 0; Barlow 0, Sutherland 1; Grayburn 1½, Stevenson 1; Peat 1, Gordon 1½; Morrison 1, Murdoch 0. [Wayfoong 15½, Ewo 7½.]

Foursomes.
Monierieff and Clark 2, Macdougall and Coxon 0; Dalgety and Walker 2, Cornaby and Piercy 0; Towns and Green 2, Simon and Butchart 0; Cooke and Shaw 2½; Barlow and Grayburn 2; Sutherland and Stevenson 0; Peat and Morrison 0; Gordon and Murdoch 0. [Wayfoong 15½, Ewo 7½.]

INTERPORT RIFLE SHOOT.

The Interport rifle shoot between Shanghai, Hongkong, Penang and Singapore will be held from April 15 to May 31.

Last year the four ports finished in the order named above.

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HOME SPORT.

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE YEAR.

FOR EVERY TASTE.

Whether one is going on Home leave or not this year, the following list of dates should prove of use to all sports enthusiasts:—
March 24—Lincolnshire Handicap, (Racing), Lincoln.
March 26—Grand National, (Racing), Liverpool.
March 27—Oxford v. Cambridge Boat Race (Rowing), Putney.
March 27—England v. Ireland, (Hockey), Belfast.
April 21—City and Suburban, (Racing), Epsom.
April 24—F. A. Cup Final (Association), Wembley.
April 28—A.B.A. Championships (Boxing), R. Albert H.
April 28—2,000 Guineas (Racing), Newmarket.
April 30—1,000 Guineas (Racing), Newmarket.
May 8—Jubilee Handicap (Racing), Kempton Park.
May 10—Ladies Open Championship (Golf), Harlech.
May 17—20th "Eve" N. F. Somes (Golf), Birkdale.
May 20th &c.—Royal Tournament, Olympia.
May 24—Amateur Championship (Golf), Muirfield.
June 2 &c.—Britain v. U.S.A. (Golf), St. Andrews.
June 2—The Derby (Racing), Epsom.
June 4—The Oaks (Racing), Epsom.
June 8—10th "Eve" Scott Foursomes (Cruden Bay).
June 10th &c.—Richmond Horse Show (Richmond).
June 12—England v. Australia, 1st Test (Cricket), Nottingham.
June 15th &c.—Ascot Meeting (Racing), Ascot.
June 17—20th Int'l Horse Show (Olympia).
June 21st &c.—Open Championship, (Golf), Lytham St. Anne's.
June 21—July 3—Lawn Tennis Championships (L. Tennis), Wimbledon.
June 28—England v. Australia, 2nd Test (Cricket), Lords.
June 27—Grand Prix (Racing), Longchamps.
June 30, July 1, 2, and 3—Venezia Regatta (Rowing), Venice.
July 2 &c.—A.A.A. Championships (Athletics), Stamford B.
July 2—Oxford v. Cambridge U. (Cricket), Lord's.
July 9—Eton v. Harrow (Cricket), Lords.
July 10—England v. Australia, 3rd Test (Cricket), Leeds.
July 14—Gentlemen v. Players, (Cricket), Lords.
July 15—Eclipse Stakes (Racing), Sandown Park.
July 24—England v. Australia, 4th Test (Cricket), Manchester.
July 27—30—Goodwood Meeting (Racing), Goodwood.
August 3 &c.—Royal Yacht Squadron (Yachting), Cowes.
August 14—England v. Australia, 4th Test (Cricket), Oval.
September 6—Eng. Amateur Close Championship (Golf), Walton H.
September 8—St. Ledger (Racing), Panelagh.
September 29—Kensal Club Show, (Dog Show), Alex. Palace.
October 4—English Ladies' Championship (Golf), Woodhall S.
October 12—15—"Eve" Foursomes (Golf), Ranelagh.
October 13—The Cesarewitch (Racing), Newmarket.
October 22, etc.—Motor Show, Olympia.
October 27—Cambridgeshire (Racing), Newmarket.
November 27—Man. November Handicap (Racing), Manchester.

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INDIAN HOCKEY TOUR.

(via Colombo.)

Delhi, March 2.
Army Headquarters has decided to send an Indian Army hockey team to New Zealand in the middle of April.

Before sailing, the team plays about 18 matches. The team will be recruited from Indian regiments of the Army and will consist of 15 players—three British officers and 12 Indian of other ranks.

THE BOAT RACE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 23.
J. Booth, Cambridge's No. 4 in the boat race, was to-day found to be suffering from measles. His place is to be taken by the spare man, T. Craggs, who, stoked the Lady Margaret crew in 1925, when they won the Ladies' Plate at Henley.

AUSTRALIAN CUP.

LATEST WINNER'S NEW RECORD.

TOP-WEIGHT SUCCEEDS.

(via Colombo.)

Flemington, March 2.
The race for the Australian Cup, run here to-day, resulted as follows:—
Pilliewinkle 1
Lemina 2
Valbee 3
Twenty-one ran.
Pilliewinkle won by a neck; a length separated second and third. Time: 3 mins. 51½ secs.
This is an Australian record for a two and a quarter miles course.
The winner carried top-weight. Betting:—
5 to 2 against Pilliewinkle.
50 to 1 against Lemina.
10 to 1 against Valbee.

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"THE ASHES"

EX-AUSSIE CAPTAIN SAYS UP.

WHAT THE CHANCES ARE.

The famous old Australian cricket captain, Mr. M. A. Noble, gives his opinion of the team that has been chosen to tour England. Writing from Sydney on January 21 Mr. Noble says:—

"Talking candidly of the prospects of our men I am doubtful of their ability to retain the 'Ashes.' But of course one never knows what may happen between this and the end of the next English season, and how a touring team may improve during the course of the season. I think the young men of our team like Ponsford, Woodfull, Grimmett, and Everett have plenty of natural ability, but they still lack experience and in getting that they may improve wonderfully, and if so, England will then have a hard task to defeat us. But at present this is so problematical and it is useless to speculate. I think we have got together a solid batting side including well experienced men like Warren, Bardsley, who went on his first tour in 1909, when I made my last trip to England. He then set up a remarkable record for a young cricketer, scoring over 2,000 runs and getting two centuries in one match. Macartney was another who went on that trip. Both these men will be with Collins, Taylor and Andrews, the backbone of the batting. Macartney is again as brilliant as he was a few seasons back. He has gained great experience on former tours and will, I think, be again a great success. Collins is a proved leader and I think he will get the best out of his team. If Ponsford can settle down quickly to English conditions he may make plenty of runs. The absence of MacDonald is distinctly unfortunate. Yet we have a very fair array of bowlers. Everett, the new fast bowler, is a young man, who has plenty of stamina. He may develop into a second Tibby Cotter. We have so many promising young men who have not been able to find places in the team. The side may be older on the average than previous teams, but there is a good foundation of soundness in batting and though the fielding may not be as brilliant as that of the last team, the men will, I think, acquit themselves creditably. Our bowling is full of possibilities."

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PRINCESS ASTRID.

Latest photograph of Princess Astrid of Sweden, whose name was linked with that of the Prince of Wales.



THEODORE & KERMIT ROOSEVELT.

These are not the Smith brothers or a couple of natives from the Siberian wilds. They are the Roosevelt brothers, Theodore and Kermit, hiding behind the cry of whistlers they grew while hunting the rare avia poia in the Himalaya Mountains. Theodore is at the left. Insets show how they appear normally, without their "alfalfa."



RESCUES SAILORS.

The s.s. "Vacuum" rammed and sank the Norwegian steamer "Solway," off the Delaware breakwater, but succeeded in saving all members of the vessel's crew. Captain Jules Block, of the "Vacuum," shown in inset.



Colonel William E. Mitchell, whose conviction by an army court-martial was approved by President Coolidge, has resigned his commission in the United States army.



BENITA KENNISON.

Benita Kennison, arrested in Washington after crashing her car into a lamp post, startled the staid court where she was taken when she removed her fur coat and revealed that she was attired in a bright red bathing suit, pyjama trousers, silver hose and slippers.



WILLIAM CAVALIER.

William Cavalier, who was under sentence to die on February 1 in the Pennsylvania electric chair for the murder of his grandmother, was granted a month's stay of execution by the Pardon Board, pending hearing of his appeal. He is only seventeen.



OIL IN NEW JERSEY.

An oil boom was started at Union City, N.J., when workmen, excavating for a water main, were driven from the pit by the rush of pure oil from a hidden well. There is great excitement, and many are starting to bore for the "black gold!"



SEN. PETER GERRY & SEN. J.C. PHIPPS.

Senator Peter Gerry, Rhode Island, left, and Senator Phipps, Colorado, are chairmen of the Democratic and Republican Senate campaign committees, and already are laying lines for the elections, when many members of the Upper House must go to the polls.



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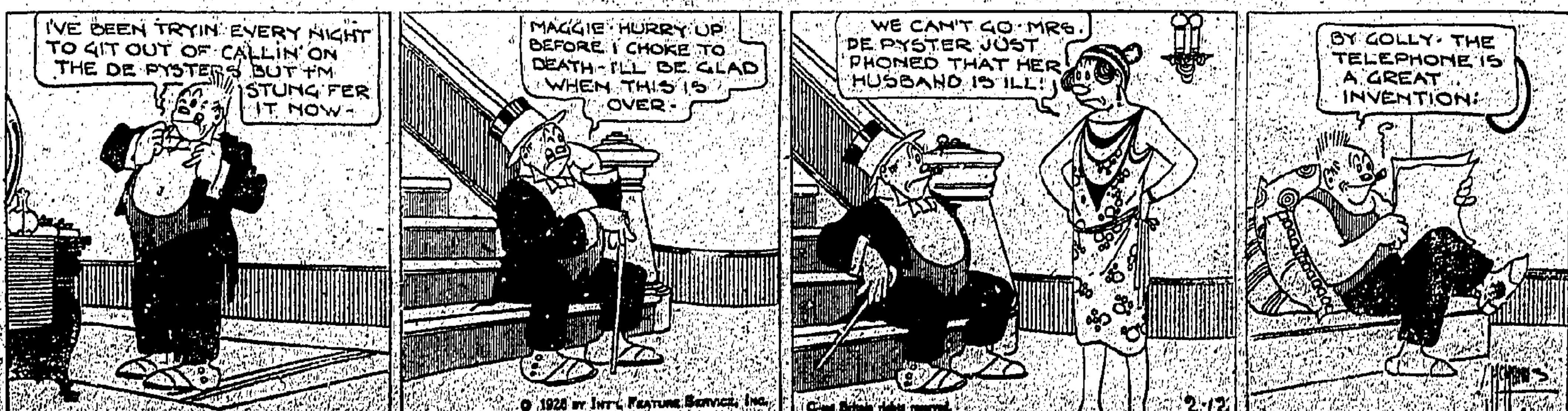
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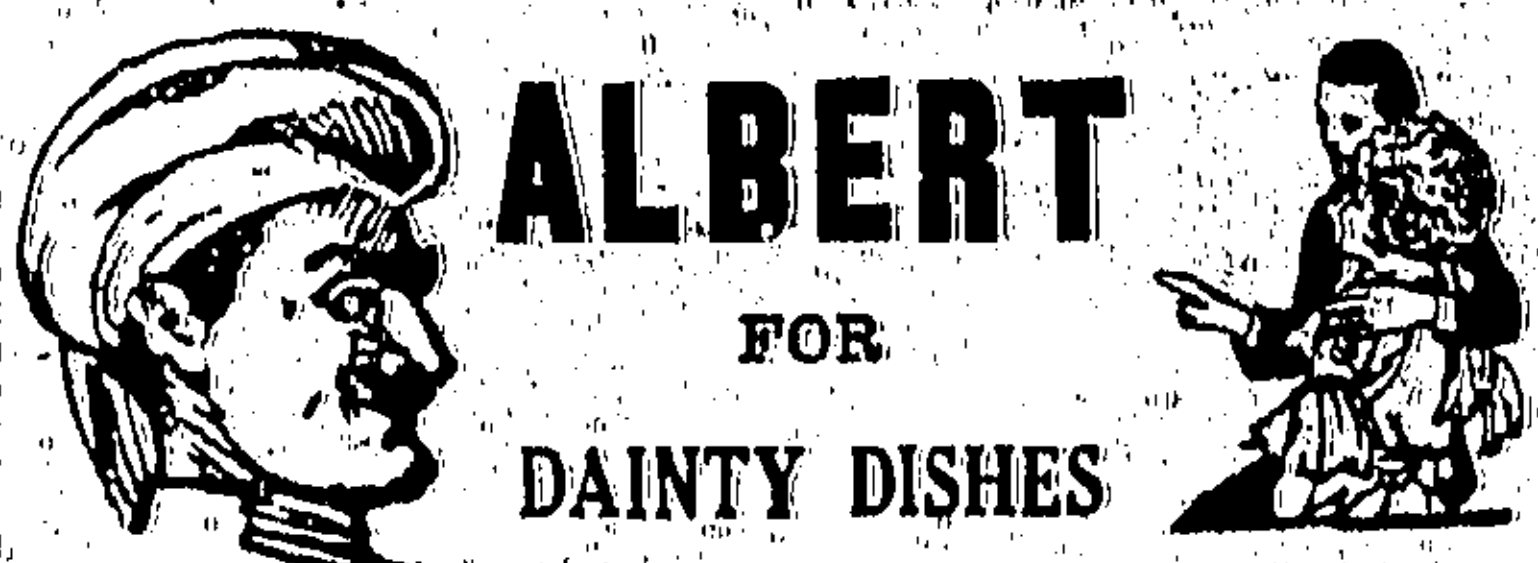
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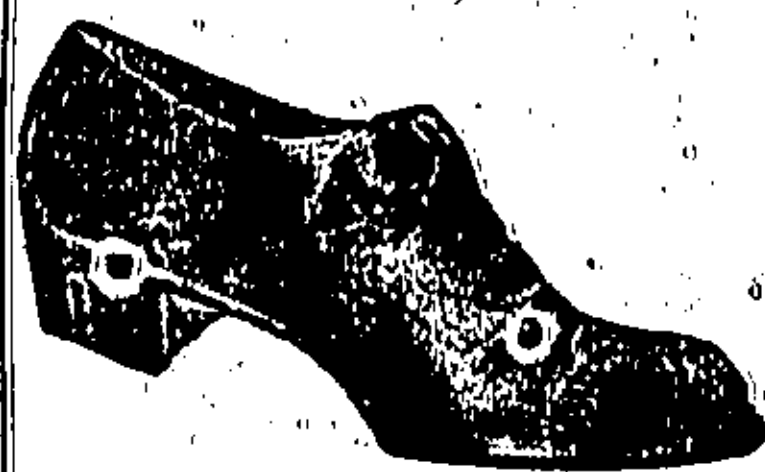
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A violent artillery duel between the guns at Taku forts and one of the gunboats began at daybreak yesterday and lasted for about two hours. During the night troops were landed from the transports at Putang, and put the large bridge out of action. The bridge (No. 13) is over a river which is 20ft. deep at this point, and consists of two 200ft. spans. If the damage is serious it will be an important engineering task to repair it. Troops hurriedly despatched from this end of Putang to investigate came back in the same car wounded!

Mr. S. H. Dorey, who escorted the foreign families and a number of Chinese refugees to Tientsin from Taku yesterday, was interviewed by a representative of the "Peking" and "Tientsin Times." From his statement it appears that the bombardment really began on Sunday morning. One of the gunboats tried to get across the bar behind a ship piloted by Captain Johnston, but went ashore. The warship soon got off again. This gunboat, or possibly another, came in on the falling water on Sunday morning and fired four shells at the batteries ashore. The latter did not reply and the gunboat turned and steamed out seawards again.

Seamanlike Manoeuvring.

"About 6.15 yesterday morning Mr. Dorey and other foreigners were awakened and warned that the squadron were approaching Taku, evidently with the object of renewing the bombardment. In a few minutes firing began, and the Chinese began rushing round to tell the occupants of the houses to get up. One gunboat came into Deep Hole, while a larger one stood off on the bar, and did not fire her guns. The manoeuvring of the gunboat was very seamanlike, surprisingly so in view of the reputation the Chinese Navy has earned as the result of its previous exploits.

Contrary to expectations, the soldiers ashore did not get out of harm's way, but vigorously replied. The shore batteries, which are situated between the south and south-east forts, on low ground, were reinforced on Sunday, a fairly big gun being transported across the river from Tangku. It took eight mules to pull the gun to the emplacements. A detachment of some 500 men accompanied it.

The pilots' houses and other buildings at Ploftown are so close to the batteries that they were practically in the line of fire. Shells "passed over the house of Mrs. Sangster, the Tag and Lighter Company's premises, and one fell into the middle of the road, tearing up a large portion of it. The shells from the shore batteries dropped all around the gunboat.



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throwing up small columns of water, but it did not appear that the warship was actually hit. Several small boats were also fired on, evidently under the assumption that they were being used by the troops for landing purposes. The windows of the houses shook alarmingly under the violent bombardment, and preparations were immediately made to get the women and children away. Mr. Dorey ran up the flag above the premises belonging to his Company, and got into telephonic communication with the Company's Head Office in Tientsin, seeking Mr. Way's permission to evacuate the families on the "Kaitai," one of the Company's tugs then lying at Taku.

Foreign Refugees.

Mr. and Mrs. Trevor, Mrs. Sangster, and her mother and son, Dr. Feng and his family, members of the telegraph and wireless staff and other Chinese refugees went aboard the tug, and were brought to Tientsin in the afternoon, under the care of Mr. Dorey. The first shell fired dropped in Dr. Feng's compound.

The Norwegian steamer "Hubrow," chartered to the K.M.A., had come into the Quarantine Station, and was hotly shelled. She successfully ran the gauntlet, and was berthed at Tangku about noon. Another vessel was crossing the bar during the bombardment, but decided that discretion was the better part and turned out to sea again. The general impression

seems to be that this was the "Tencho Maru," which is carrying passengers and the Siberian mails. Mr. Dorey, however, who saw the ship through his binoculars, thinks that the ship was larger than the D.K.K. boat, and might have been a transport. The atmosphere was still somewhat hazy, however, and the identity of the ship is uncertain.

Attempt To Land Troops.

The attempt to land troops at a point below Taku is confirmed, but whether the effort actually succeeded is still unknown. The cruisers went down to this place on Saturday night towing a very large number of fishing craft. It may have been merely a feint.

On Sunday night the squadron moved up to Putang, and four transports were seen standing off Putang bar, attended by numerous boats. It is possible for ships to get in much closer to the shore here than at Taku. Rifle fire was heard from that direction between 6 o'clock and 8.30.

The firing at Taku lasted for two hours. It is regarded as merely a preliminary skirmish, severe as it was, and it was feared that the larger warships would renew the bombardment of the batteries at high tide.

It was reported that the Kugmichun Authorities had decided to forbid the pilots to go out, in which event the ships about to sail from Tientsin will be held up here or at Tangku. The forts are apparently not short of ammunition, for as the party left further large supplies were being conveyed to the batteries.

An American torpedo-boat was outside the bar waiting to come in yesterday morning. She is presumably on her way to Hsinho for the protection of the Standard Oil tanks here.

Swarming With Troops.

The transports at Putang and Taku are said to be literally swarming with troops, of whom there are between 5,000 and 8,000 aboard. How many of them were put ashore at Putang cannot be discovered, but it is assumed that a fairly strong force was landed. Not only was the large bridge over the Han blown up or put out of commission, but the telegraph and telephone lines were also cut. It is believed that the object of the landing is to cut off both the Kugmichun forces between Tangku and Lanchow and the shore batteries at Taku forts, thus enabling the warships and troops remaining on the transports to enter the river. The position of Tientsin is already serious in view of the virtual closing of the port at Taku, but it would be still worse if the aim of the Shantung Expedition is achieved.

Many Wounded.

Four cars of wounded, mostly very serious cases, left Lanchow and Tongshan on Sunday night, to be treated in Tientsin. These were of course unable to get through as the bridge was damaged in the night.—"Shanghai Times."

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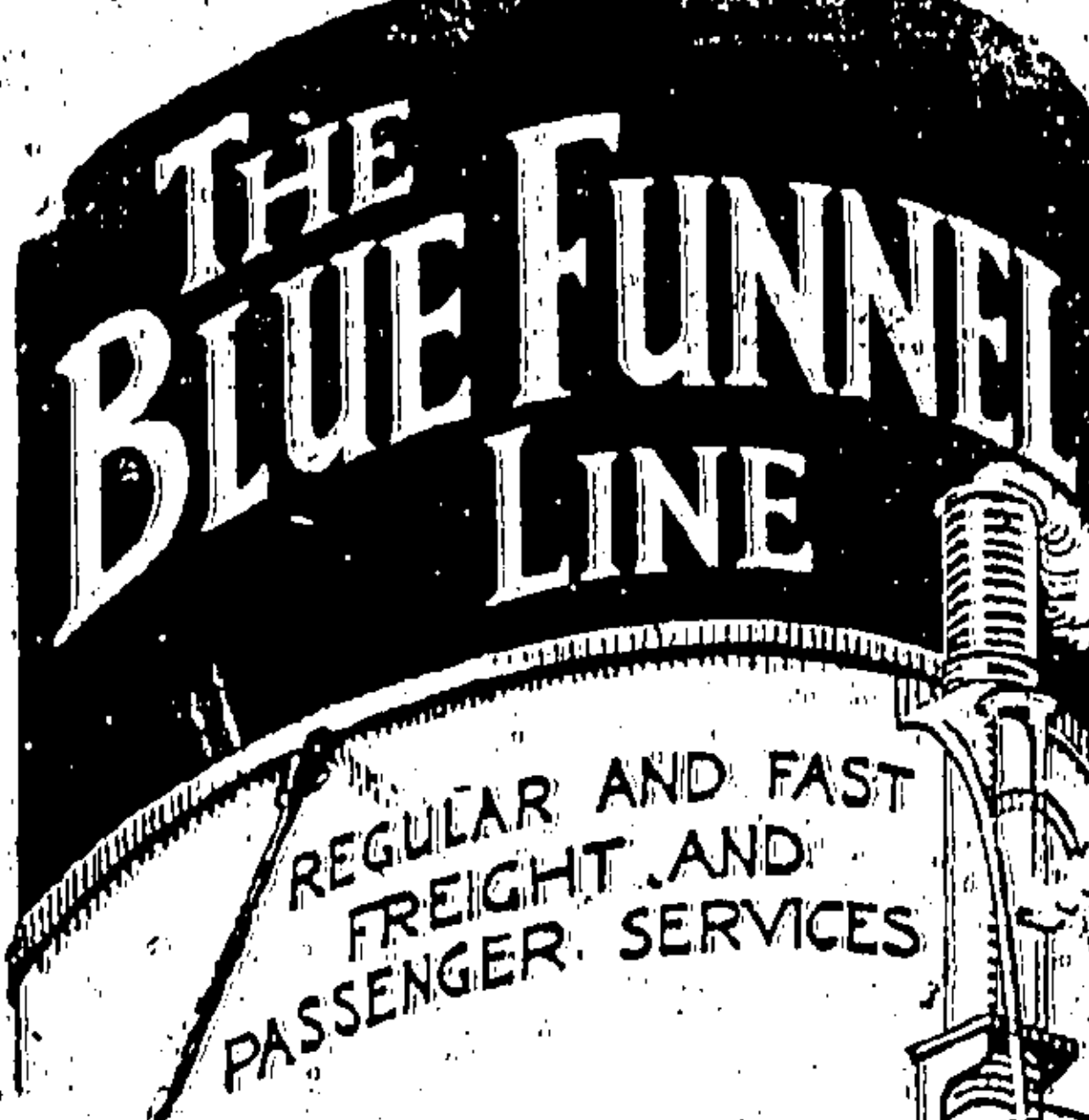
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